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Dear Mr Halstead

As we are reviewing the Public Draft of the Headwaters Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), we have discovered a critical missing point that must be corrected in the Final EIS.

The document correctly states the BLM will be the managing agency of the Headwaters Forest as described in the document. You are also aware that the Headwaters agreement between the parties and the government requires adequate public access. Additionally, PL 105-83 (Title V Section 501), identifies adequate public access to be provided to the Headwaters Forest as a condition of the authorization.

However, the DEIS (page 2-36 bottom of column one) only identifies public access being provided from the north side of the Headwaters Reserve. During the ongoing field surveys and development of the Financial Plan required by Congress, BLM determined that access from the south, rather than the north, will be necessary for the public to be assured of "adequate access." As authorized by the Secretary, I am currently negotiating this access issue with Pacific Lumber Company and I am confident we can reach an agreement allowing for the necessary public access from the south.

Therefore, please ensure the final EIS corrects, or perhaps more accurately, updates this misinformation regarding access. My staff is available to provide you with specific details regarding the route and a better analysis of the access issue and will keep you

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updated as the final access plan comes together. My main concern, however, is that you note this needed change as soon as possible for your records so we can be assured the final document will be up to date and accurate on this important issue.

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Sincerely,



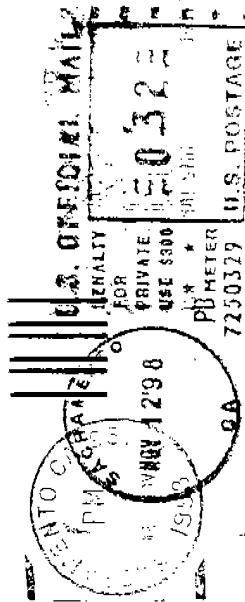
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